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## **FAXOGRAM: Water Order Change**

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Attention: Resource Coordinator, Deb Mullenwey

From: Reservoir and River Operations, Billings, Montana /S/ Stephanie Micek

Subject: **Canyon Ferry Water Release Order - CFR No. 15-20**

### **CURRENT RESERVOIR CONDITIONS:**

Elevation: 3786.30; Storage: 1,546,871 acre-feet; River Release: 3,400 cfs; Inflow: 3,800 cfs;

### **GENERAL COMMENTS:**

HVID has requested a decrease in diversions to the Helena Valley Reservoir. To maintain river flows near or above 3,700 cfs below Holter Dam, the following operation changes are required at Canyon Ferry Dam and Powerplant.

### **CANYON FERRY RELEASES AND OPERATIONS: Times are Mountain Daylight Time (MDT)**

#### **At 0945 hour on Friday, April 17, 2015:**

*Maintain releases through the river outlet gates at 0 cfs.*

*Maintain releases through the spillway gates at 0 cfs.*

*Increase turbine release to  $\approx 3,230$  cfs ( $\approx 32$  MW-Hr/hr using 99.1 cfs/mw).*

*Decrease release for Helena Valley Project to 220 cfs (100 cfs pumped to Helena Valley and 120 cfs discharged to the Missouri River).*

*Decrease release to the Missouri River to 3,350 cfs.*

*Decrease total release from Canyon Ferry to 3,450 cfs*